

# In Loving Memory of Jerry Lawrence Combs

**Sunrise**  
**December 19, 1945**

**Sunset**  
**August 24, 2009**



**Homegoing Celebration**  
**September 5, 2009**  
**11 AM**

**Independent Holiness Community Church**  
**605 So. 16th St.**  
**Richmond, California**

**Pastor, William F. Combs, Officiating**





Obituary  
Of  
Jerry Lawrence Combs



Jerry Lawrence Combs was born to Frank and Irene Combs on December 19, 1945 in Richmond California. Jerry was the youngest brother of fourteen children. Jerry attended Walter T. Helms Junior High and Richmond High School.

As a child Jerry learned to sing and play music well. His loving mother would stand him on a table at McGlothlen Temple Church of God in Christ, so the audience could see him sing. As he grew older he played guitar and sang so well that the talent shows he entered refused to consider him as an amateur contestant. Jerry won the battle of the bands on Nob Hill in San Francisco, California and a talent scout took him to Hollywood and offered him an audition of which he was accepted for the lead roll in the stage play "Hair" in the 1970's. His talents were quickly recognized and he was promoted to Choreographer and Assist Director of the Hollywood production

He later joined his brother, William Combs (Baba) and Jesse Cosby, they together continued touring with the play "Hair" all over Europe. He was later recruited to the stage production of "Jesus Christ Superstar" in New York. Jerry was one of the first black singing artists to be signed with Warner Brothers Records.

Jerry later in his life accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and was called to the Ministry, where he delivered many insightful and inspiring messages at Green Pastures in Richmond, California.

Jerry was preceded in death by his mother and father Frank and Irene Combs, his brother Roy Combs, his great nephew, Kristopher Mitchell and his niece, Patricia Combs

He leaves to morn is passing, his children, Damon Darnell Combs, Jerry L. Combs, Jr., Marcus Combs, Sarah Combs, Garland Combs and Joshua Combs; his brothers and sisters and their spouses; Bill Combs (Mildred), Shirley Jones, Zeller Hurd, William Combs (Veda), Queen Seacer, Dorothy Morrison-Henry (Herman), Treesineu Webster (Lamont) and Diana Combs-Crosby (Jesse) along with a host of Grand-children, nieces and nephews.

## Order of Service

Processional

Pastor, Yaahn Hunter and Ministers

Musical Selection

Scripture Old Testament  
New Testament

Rev. Donell Horne  
Pastor Emitte Neal

Prayer

Musical Selection

Consonance

Resolution/Acknowledgements

Expressions

Two Minutes Please

Musical Selection

Kyle Gattison

Obituary

Medley Of Jerry's Favorite Songs

The Combs Family

Eulogy

Bishop, Timothy D. Monigan,  
Tabernacle of Praise Church

Parting  
Recessional

Internment  
Family Service  
On

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Repast

Independent Holiness  
605 So. 16th  
Richmond, California



### Pallbearers

Anthony Seacer  
Levi Seacer, Jr.  
Kevin Webster  
Kevin Riley  
William Hearn, Jr.  
Octavious Webster  
Tommy Thompson

### Honorary Pallbearers

Herman Henry  
Bobby Brown  
Isadore Morrison  
Steve Buckor  
William Hearn, Sr.  
Jesse Cosby  
Lamont Webster  
Eddie Hurd

### *Love Took You Home*

*God saw the road was getting rough,  
The hills were hard to climb.*

*He gently closed those loving eyes,  
And he whispered peace be thine.*

*The weary hours, the days of pain,  
The sleepless nights are passed.*

*The ever patient worn out frame,  
Has found sweet rest at last.*

### Acknowledgement

The Combs Family would like to thank you for, your prayers during this time. Thank you for your cards, your expressions of love, your acts of kindness, your phone calls, your willingness to help in anyway possible. We appreciate all of our family and friends that traveled to help us celebrate Jerry's Life.

We will cherish always, your concern, support and your encouraging words and deeds during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless you and your entire family.

A special thank you to Holy Angels Funeral Center for your sincere kindness and help during this time.